

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application.

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Nagubandi and Examiner Barts for the helpful and courteous discussion with their undersigned Representative on March 9, 2007. Applicants also wish to thank Examiner Nagubandi for the recognition and indication that the art rejections over Doi et al (below) are withdrawn in view of the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 filed on April 29, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the remaining ground of rejection in view of the amendments herein.

The rejection of Claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the disclosure of Doi et al (JACS 2003, 125, 2886-2887) taken together with Cole, and the rejection of Claims 2, 3, and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Doi et al (JACS 2003, 125, 2886-2887) has been withdrawn in view of the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 filed on April 29, 2004 (see item (1) in the Interview Summary of March 9, 2007, Official copy mailed March 21, 2007). In this declaration, evidence was provided that Doi et al is not only not prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), but it is not even prior art. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for recognizing the relationship between the present application and Doi et al. Applicants also wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that these rejections have been withdrawn.

The objection to Claims 7-9 under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c) as containing improper multiple dependencies is obviated by amendment. Applicants have amended the claims herein to address this ground of objection. In view of the amendments herein, Applicants request withdrawal of this ground of objection.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.
Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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